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SUBJECT: TARGET PROFILE, BRITISH DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY

1. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL POLICE, GOA (FP) DURING THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION WITH THE RSO ADVISED THE FOLLOWING: IT WAS THEIR (FP) GENERAL OPINION THE ERP-MONTONERO MOVEMENT SELECTED THE APPROPRIATE TIME WHEN THE MOST COULD BE GAINED FROM ATTACKS, ASSASSINATIONS AND/OR KIDNAPPINGS, ON MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. THE EGAN INCIDENT HAD BEEN TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE PENDING VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS. SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE TARGET PROFILE OF THE BRITISH DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY WOULD ACCELERATE PENDING THE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ARGENTINA. IN THE EYES OF THE ERP-MONTONEROS THE TIMING WOULD BE PERFECT TO CARRY OUT A TERRORIST ACT AGAINST THE BRITISH DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. SUCH AN ACT AGAINST A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY PRIOR TO OR DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE GENERAL ARGENTINE POPULATION. THE PREMISE FOR ASSUMING POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE ACT IS THE HIGH DECREE OF RESENTMENT OF THE ARGENTINE POPULATION TOWARD THE BRITISH COMMUNITY AS A RESULT OF THE MALVINAS (FALKLAND) ISLANDS. SUCH AN ACT MAY BE CARRIED OUT IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE ARGENTINE POSITION OF RELEASING OF THE ISLANDS TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

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2. RSO COMMENT:

THE INFORMATION FURNISHED CANNOT BE EVALUATED AND MAY IN ITSELF BY AN OBSERVATION OF A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL OR A SMALL GROUP. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARILY CONSTRUED TO BE AN OFFICIAL OPINION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF GOA. BY DIRECTION OF THE AMBASSADOR THE INFORMATION WAS RELATED TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY. RSO WAS CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THAT THE INFORMATION COULD NOT BE EVALUATED AND SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS A FACT.
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